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1. A foldable mobile terminal comprising a first housing and a second housing connected to each other to be supported so that they can freely be opened/closed, comprising:
 - an external display part that can be viewed in a closed state on the first housing or the second housing; and
 - a side face key on a side face of the first housing or the second housing, wherein when a soft key icon is displayed on the external display part, the side face key is used as a soft key corresponding to the soft key icon.
2. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 1, wherein on the external display part, together with the displayed soft key icon, position information showing a position of the side face key corresponding to the soft key icon is displayed.
3. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of side face keys are provided on the first housing or the second housing, and an entire layout of the side face keys and a position of a corresponding side face key are displayed as position information of the side face key to be displayed on the external display part.
4. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 3, wherein an operation type of the side face key is displayed together with the position information of the side face key to be displayed on the external display part.
5. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 4, wherein different

display forms are displayed between a soft key to be used by pushing for a long time and a soft key to be used by pushing for a short time as the operation type of the soft key displayed on the external display part.

5 6. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 2, wherein an operation type of the side face key is displayed together with the position information of the side face key to be displayed on the external display part.

10 7. The foldable mobile terminal according to claim 6, wherein different display forms are displayed between a soft key to be used by pushing for a long time and a soft key to be used by pushing for a short time as the operation type of the soft key displayed on the external display part.